

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
UTILITY SERVICE BOARD  
OCTOBER 18, 2004**

The Regular Meeting of the Utility Service Board of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall in Jasper at 7:00 PM on Monday, October 18, 2004.

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Chairman Ken Sendelweck who presided.

**UPON CALL OF THE ROLL, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:**

Ken Sendelweck – Chairman  
Greg A. Krodel – Vice Chairman  
Edward J. Kreilein – Secretary  
Jeffrey S. Theising – Water Commissioner  
Mike Harder – Wastewater Commissioner  
Dennis L. Hasenour – Gas Commissioner

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Jerry Schitter – Electric Distribution Manager  
Windell Toby – Electric Generation Manager  
Thomas A. Lents – Wastewater Manager  
Michael A. Oeding – Gas & Water Manager  
Kenneth R. Schultz – Business Manager  
Sandy Hemmerlein – City Attorney

**ABSENT:**

Michael A. Schwenk – Electric Commissioner

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (B-19)

Chairman Ken Sendelweck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (B-28)

Chairman Ken Sendelweck presented the minutes of the September 20, 2004 Regular Meeting and there being no corrections or amendments, asked for a motion to accept. Mike Harder made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting as presented. Dennis Hasenour seconded the motion. Motion approved, 6-0.

Chairman Sendelweck presented the minutes of the September 30, 2004 Executive Session and there being no corrections or amendments, asked for a motion to accept. Ed Kreilein made a motion

to approve the minutes of the September 30<sup>th</sup> Executive Session as presented. Jeff Theising seconded the motion. Motion approved, 6-0.

Chairman Sendelweck presented the minutes of the September 30, 2004 Special Meeting and there being no corrections or amendments, asked for a motion to accept. Jeff Theising made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 30<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting as presented. Ed Kreilein seconded the motion. Motion approved, 6-0.

#### **REQUEST TO SEEK BIDS – HAULING ASH – POWER PLANT** (B-63)

Windell Toby requested Board approval to advertise and seek bids for hauling ash for the Power Plant.

Sandy Hemmerlein stated that the Power Plant had a 4-year contract that was going to expire December 15, 2004 with Phoenix Recycling Technologies and Phoenix chose to not renew the contract.

Ed Kreilein made a motion to allow Windell Toby to advertise and seek bids for hauling ash for the Power Plant. Mike Harder seconded the motion. Motion approved, 6-0.

#### **REQUEST TO SEEK BIDS – HAULING COAL – POWER PLANT** (B-87)

Windell Toby requested Board approval to advertise and seek bids for hauling coal for the Power Plant.

Toby commented that previously he had a 1-year contract, but he will be advertising for 3-year contract.

Sandy Hemmerlein stated the current annual contract with Buchta Trucking expires at the end of the year.

Dennis Hasenour made a motion to allow Windell Toby to advertise and seek bids for hauling coal for the Power Plant. Jeff Theising seconded the motion. Motion approved, 6-0.

Board member Greg Krodel asked Toby if the volatility of diesel fuel prices is covered in these contracts. Toby said it is covered in the current contracts and it will be included in the specifications for both the new contracts.

#### **ELECTRIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT** (B-122)

Chairman Ken Sendelweck stated there had not been a meeting to report on.

#### **REQUEST FOR CHEMICAL PRICING – 2005** (B-126)

Mike Oeding stated it is time to seek pricing for chemicals for 2005. He will be sending out letters this month and opening the quotes at the November meeting.

Ed Kreilein made a motion to allow Mike Oeding to seek chemical pricing for 2005. Jeff Theising seconded the motion. Motion approved, 6-0.

**REMOVING 2 ITEMS FROM CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN – GAS & WATER** (B-143)

Mike Oeding informed the Board that he will be removing two items from his 2004 Capital Expenditure budget.

1. 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter – Used natural gas compressor – Jasper Engine has a natural gas compressor and tanks can be filled there.
2. 4<sup>th</sup> quarter – Replacement of Truck #20 – Denny Mehringer will be retiring next year and he doesn't see a need to trade trucks.

**UPDATE – IRELAND METER PIT** (B-173)

Mike Oeding informed the Board that the water line has been installed across Rolling Ridge Road in anticipation of delivery of the meter pit later this fall.

Oeding said he received notification from the State that their project on Hwy. 56 & Lechner Lane has been delayed until October, 2005, so it will give us more time to complete the Ireland Meter Pit project.

**UPDATE – SLUDGE REMOVAL** (B-188)

Mike Oeding stated he is still waiting to hear from IDEM concerning the permit for sludge removal.

**NORTH & SOUTH WATER TOWER CATHODIC INSPECTION CONTRACTS** (B-195)

Mike Oeding asked for Board approval for cathodic inspections at the North and South water towers.

Oeding said Corrpro Co. would be doing the inspections, as they have in the past, because Corrpro's cathodic systems are currently in place and it would be difficult to get someone else to inspect them.

Mike Harder made a motion to approve the cathodic inspection contracts with Corrpro Co., pending legal review, and pending a 2-3 year pricing history from this company. Ed Kreilein seconded the motion. Motion approved, 6-0.

**GAS HEDGING** (B-248)

Mike Oeding presented a list of daily gas pricing to the Board.

Oeding said he will keep an eye on the prices and if it takes a down turn, he will contact the Gas Planning Committee members before making a decision.

Oeding also said he would like to bring in a representative from Atmos to give a presentation on gas pricing options to the Gas Planning Committee.

### **UPDATE - NEWTON STREET TANK PROJECT** (B-350)

Mike Oeding stated that Midwestern Engineers has requested a delay on the submission of the inspection report for the Newton Street Water Tank project from October 18<sup>th</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Oeding said he didn't see a problem with it.

Ed Kreilein made a motion to approve the inspection report extension from October 18<sup>th</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup> as presented. Jeff Theising seconded the motion. Motion approved, 6-0.

### **GAS PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT** (B-373)

Dennis Hasenour, Chairman of the Gas Planning Committee, stated there had not been a meeting to report on.

### **WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT** (B-374)

Jeff Theising, Chairman of the Water Planning Committee, stated there had not been a meeting to report on.

### **WASTEWATER PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT** (B-375)

Mike Harder, Chairman of the Wastewater Planning Committee, stated there had not been a meeting to report on.

### **UPDATE - RADIO METER READING PROJECT** (B-376)

Ken Schultz presented an update on the radio meter change out project.

As of September 30, 2004, there were 16,103 meters in the four reading zones of the City, with an additional 944 meters in the Industrial routes, which were not included in his analysis.

Schultz said the goal by December 31, 2004 is to convert all Zones 3 and 4, the City routes, and non-accessible meters. If the goal is met, 7,049 meters will be converted, which represents 44% of the total. As of September 30, 2004, 42.7% have been converted. The remaining 220 meters are larger, special, or difficult installations, which will require more time than normal to convert.

After the goal is met, 15-17 man-days (includes 3 man-days for industrial routes) will be required to read the non-converted routes. Schultz said with the retirement of one meter reader, it is essential to continue converting the remaining meters to avoid additional manpower going into 2005.

Schultz reported that he read Zone 3 Friday, with the mobile unit, in 2 hours, and he read Zone 4 today, with the mobile unit, in 3 hours. He said once it is perfected, he should be able to reduce the read times by an hour on each zone.

Schultz said in order to accomplish the continued effort, he needs Board approval to increase the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Capital Expenditure budget by \$25,000 for both the Electric Utility and the Gas Utility.

This increase will allow conversions to continue in Zone 2. Once Zone 2 is converted, Zone 1 will remain, which is the older section of the City where meters are concentrated in a smaller area, requiring less time to read.

Jeff Theising made a motion to increase the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Capital Expenditure budget by \$25,000 in both Electric and Gas as presented. Dennis Hasenour seconded the motion. Motion approved, 6-0.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT & PRESENTATION OF CLAIM DOCKET** (B-520)

Ed Kreilein reported the Finance Committee had met and reviewed the claims on the Claim Docket.

Also presented was a claim on behalf of Harrison & Moberly, LLP in the amount of \$1,413.00, representing legal services relating to the Titan liquidated damages issue for the Wastewater Project. SRF and BIF funds have been exhausted, therefore after Utility Service Board approval, the above referenced claim will be paid from Wastewater funds.

Kreilein stated the Finance Committee recommended approval of the claims as presented.

Jeff Theising made a motion to accept the claims as presented. Mike Harder seconded the motion. Motion approved, 6-0.

**VECTREN AGREEMENT** (B-532)

Sandy Hemmerlein reported they were able to finish the Power Sales Agreement for the supply of electric energy between the City of Jasper and Vectren Energy Delivery of Indiana, Inc.

Mike Cracraft reviewed the contract due to the new language with regards the MISO issue.

The contract period is from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

Dennis Hasenour made a motion to approve the Vectren Power Sales Agreement. Greg Krodel seconded the motion. Motion approved, 6-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM upon the motion by Dennis Hasenour and second by Mike Harder. Motion approved, 6-0.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

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Chairman